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REMARKS

Claim Status

After entry of this Amendment, Claims 1 - 4, 6 and 7 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 1, 3 and 7 are amended, and Claim 5 is cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allows Claims 3, 4 and 6. Claim 3 is amended to add "and" between the elements separated by line indentation.

Specification

The Examiner objects to the disclosure because of informalities relating to the specific mention of claims 1 and 3 on page 2, line 16. The specification is amended, as set forth in the above section "Amendments to the Specification", to delete the reference to claims 1 and 3 on page 2, as well as a similar reference on page 1, line 6.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objection to the specification.

Drawings

The Examiner objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) because the fixed guide plates of Claim 5 are not shown in the drawings. By this amendment, Claim 5 is cancelled. The instant objection to the drawings is, therefore, believed to be moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejects Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement because the fixed guide plates of claim 5 are not mentioned in the specification or shown in the drawings.

By this amendment, Claim 5 is cancelled. The instant rejection is, therefore, believed to be moot.

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Further, the Examiner rejects Claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the phrase "before this reaches" in Claim 1, and the phrase "of this type" are confusing.

By this amendment, Claim 1 is amended, as set forth in the above listing of claims, to replace the phrase "before this reaches" with "before the item of mail reaches". In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the instant rejection and to pass amended Claim 1 to allowance.

By this amendment, Claim 7 is amended, as set forth in the above listing of claims, to delete the phrase "of this type". In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the instant rejection and to pass amended Claim 7 to allowance.

Summary

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that, in addition to the allowed Claims 3, 4 and 6, Claims 1 and 7 are allowable. Applicants note that according to the Office Action Summary Claim 2 is rejected. The Detailed Action, however, does not address a rejection of Claim 2. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass Claim 2 to allowance.

CONCLUSION

The present response is intended to correspond with the Revised Amendment Format. Should any part of the present response not be in full compliance with the requirements of the Revised Amendment Format, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned for immediate correction.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is herewith respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

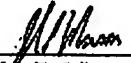
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Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification (e.g., regarding Claim 2), the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney in order to resolve such issues promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 502464** referencing attorney docket number **2003P06018WOUS**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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